

Finding Words©West Virginia/ ChildFirst WV

Finding Words© is an intensive five-day course in which students learn the necessary skills to conduct a competent, investigative interview of a child abuse victim using the CornerHouse forensic interview process.

Finding Words© is an interactive course, which combines lectures with demonstrations and hands on experience. Students will be required to interview a child about a non-abuse event and be critiqued by an expert forensic interviewer. Students will also conduct a 30 minute interview with an actor/actress playing the role of an abused child and will be critiqued on their performance.

Finding Words© is the ideal course for CPS, law enforcement, prosecutors and forensic interviewers employed by a WV based CAC (CYAC) seeking to enhance their ability to speak to and for abused children.

Finding Words© West Virginia is a **CHILDFIRST©** course taught by faculty trained and certified by NDAA and NCPTC in collaboration with CornerHouse, a nonprofit interagency child abuse evaluation and training center located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Finding Words©West Virginia

Finding Words©2013 Application Form

Finding Words© West Virginia is limited to 40 students per session. Please be aware that this is an intensive course. The workshops are supplemented with homework assignments, which must be completed each night and each student will be given a written examination at the end of the course. Students who fail to attend all workshops, to complete homework, or to pass the examination will not be awarded a certificate of course completion. NCPTC supports multidisciplinary approach to child abuse. Registration will be confined to those who attend the training as a functioning multidisciplinary investigative team (MDT) who are currently employed within the State of West Virginia.

Only those who are practicing prosecutors, law enforcement officers, forensic interviewers and /or investigators employed at Child Advocacy Centers and a Child Protective Services workers are permitted to attend this course.

Application to this course does not guarantee acceptance to this course.
Walk-ins are not accepted.

TUITION FEE \$250.00 per person. A pre-course reading assignment and an INVOICE for payment, will be sent to you once you have been accepted to this course.

Session preferred (please check only ONE):

_____ May 13-17, 2013
Marshall University - Student Center, Huntington, WV
Application Deadline May 6 , 2013

_____ October 7-11, 2013
WV State Police Academy -
Professional Development Center, Institute, WV
Application Deadline October 1, 2013

Are you registering as an _____ MDT Member or _____ Individual.
(MDT member applications MUST be mailed together.)

Contact information - please print/ write legibly:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Office: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ City: _____

Fax: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address:

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Why do you want to attend this course?

Have you applied for Finding Words©before?

Do you follow a forensic interview model?

Number of years as a child abuse professional: _____ yrs.

Experience conducting forensic or therapeutic interviews:

Please list other child abuse related training or interview programs that you have attended:

Does your jurisdiction have a multidisciplinary team?

Are you currently a member of the team?

How long have you been a member?

Approximately how many children have you interviewed regarding the following types of abuse:

_____ Physical Abuse/ Child Death

_____ Sexual Abuse

_____ Emotional Abuse/ Neglect

_____ Physical Neglect

Do you conduct interviews in a child friendly environment?

Briefly describe:

Which tools do you employ during interviews?

_____ video tape

_____ audio tape

_____ anatomical dolls

_____ anatomical drawings

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REGISTRATION FEE: \$250.00 per person -
an invoice will be mailed with homework packet.

Registration fee IS transferable to approved applicant; however,
registration fee is non-refundable.

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY AT EVERY SESSION.
A MANDATORY READING ASSIGNMENT IS PROVIDED PRIOR TO
THE TRAINING SESSION. HOMEWORK IS ASSIGNED EACH
EVENING.

Attendees are responsible for all expenses.

INSTITUTE LODGING:

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Sleep Inn, Cross Lanes - the hotel
requests that you call three (3) weeks in advance for reservations:
304.776.7711 / Nightly rate is \$79.99 + tax

HUNTINGTON LODGING:

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn, Huntington
304.523.8880 / Nightly rate is \$105.00 + tax

Please ask for the WV Prosecuting Attorneys room block at both sites

Please return application to:

WVPAI

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